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Washington, D.C.
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Dear [redacted]

Someone once told me that if you took good care of the flu you would not get it again. This was an unfortunate statement since I have just returned to work after another week's seige of battling the bug.

Without going into any long explanations, I am pleased to say that our work and ideas are being looked at now with considerable favor locally. In fact, the reception has been so good that we can now advance to the more or less specific stages of planning. Some details I will set out below.

In the first place, [redacted] has been loaned to our group to assist us, particularly in connection with the work at [redacted] and I are going over the background of the work and what we want to do and as soon as we have completed this, it is my intention to send him to [redacted] for a period of from one to two weeks for a series of discussions with you and to carefully survey the situation at [redacted] and find out what is needed and what is essential to getting the program in motion. Please understand, however, that all of this hinges upon your willingness to continue and whether or not [redacted] trip will or will not interfere with your work.

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If it is agreeable with you that [redacted] come to [redacted] (and I hope you'll let me know as soon as possible), I want [redacted] to go over with you the total plan. He will find out specifically what is needed in the way of equipment, supplies, etc.; how much money the operation should require; what individuals it will be necessary to have cleared; what system to set up for reporting and

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and recording the operations; what technical methods can best be used for making records [redacted] will design any type of set-up like this that is necessary); and what cover is best.

We, of course, recognize there is a political situation (an election) coming up in March and we will aim our efforts so there will be no interference or even official discussions until after the election is over. However, I feel the details between you and [redacted] can be worked out and laid on in advance without any outsiders being cut in. I believe that if our plans materialize, it will be an interesting project which will be profitable both to your organization and our organization.

[redacted] will undoubtedly write to you in the immediate future and he will discuss personal details, particularly any cover he may want to use out there at the present and when and where to talk with you.

I hope this project can be brought to a working state since personally I feel there is a great deal of merit in it. Already we have some new techniques and material we want you to try and have a high promise of some others in the near future. Again I will leave such details to later communications and more particularly to [redacted] when he gets to [redacted]

Incidentially, the names you have forwarded to me are in our official "mill" and are already being processed. I or[redacted] will let you know when they have been cleared for classified conversations.

Very truly yours,

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